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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1205

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A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to sex offenders; to provide for a sex offender
- 2 treatment and management working group; and to provide
- 3 powers and duties.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. In 2001, the Governor's Working Group on
2 the Management and Treatment of Sex Offenders issued their final
3 report making recommendations for legislative and administrative
4 changes in providing services for the management and treatment of
5 sex offenders. It is the intent of the Legislature that those
6 who are responsible for the treatment of sex offenders possess
7 the necessary qualifications and training to provide sex offender
8 specific therapy.

9 Sec. 2. (1) The Director of Regulation and Licensure
10 shall establish a working group to study sex offender treatment and
11 management services and recommend improvements. The working group
12 shall include representatives from the Legislature, the Health and
13 Human Services System, the courts, the Department of Correctional
14 Services, the Nebraska Probation System, the Board of Parole,
15 law enforcement, private providers of sex offender treatment,
16 victim advocates, mental health and medical personnel, and other
17 interested parties.

18 (2) The working group shall study sex offender treatment
19 and management on the state level to determine future legislative
20 and executive actions necessary to improve sex offender treatment
21 and management within the State of Nebraska based upon the
22 recommendations of the Governor's Working Group on the Management
23 and Treatment of Sex Offenders report issued in August of 2001,
24 with regard to the following:

25 (a) Credentialing of professionals who provide sex

1 offender assessment or treatment, including psychologists,
2 psychiatrists, licensed mental health professionals, licensed
3 clinical social workers, and medical personnel;

4 (b) Creating mandated treatment standards for sex
5 offender specific treatment as a component of a comprehensive
6 approach to sex offender management; and

7 (c) Providing increased training opportunities for all
8 professionals involved in the treatment and management of sex
9 offenders; and

10 (3) The Director of Regulation and Licensure, in
11 consultation with the working group, shall submit a report of such
12 study to the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1,
13 2006. The working group terminates on December 1, 2006.